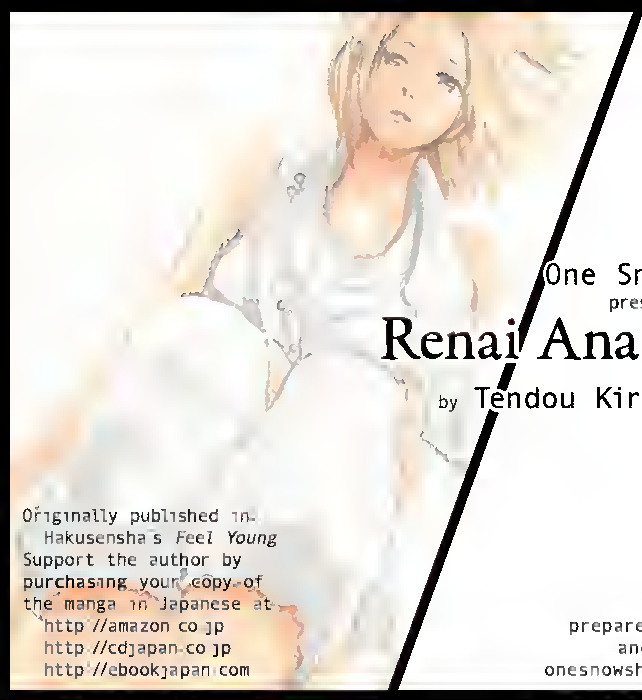

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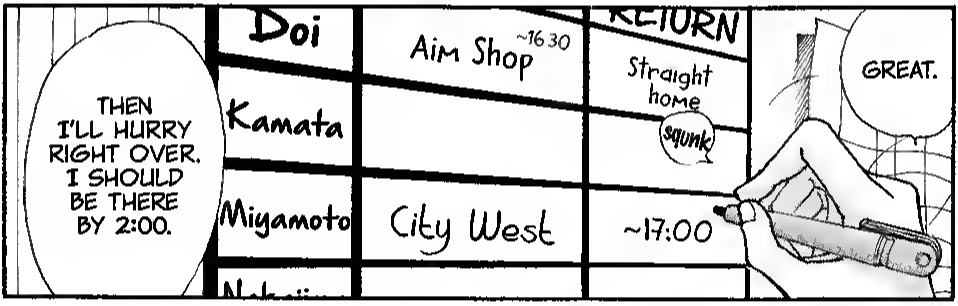
Chapter 5

YES,
I'D LIKE TO BRING OVER OUR CATALOG OF NEW PRODUCTS.
squnk
squnk


THEN I'LL HURRY RIGHT OVER. I SHOULD BE THERE BY 2:00.
Doi
Aim Shop ~16:30
RETURN
Straight home
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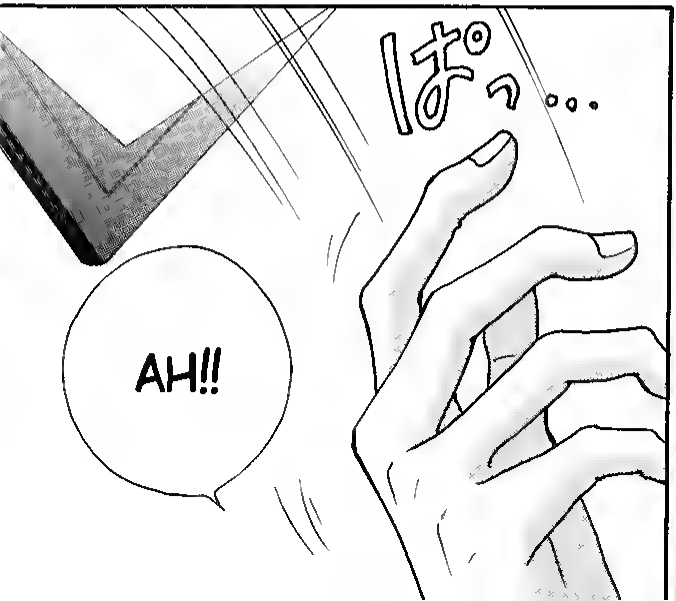
GREAT.
Kamata
Miyamoto
City West
~17:00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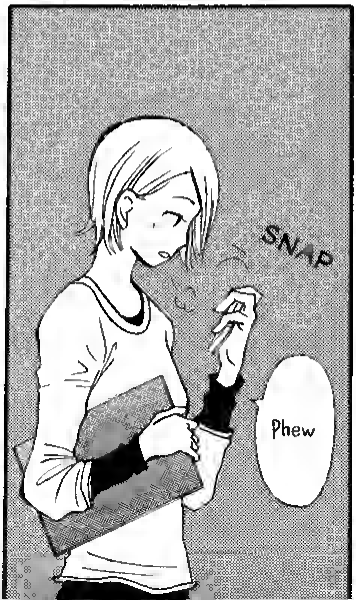
AH!!


SNAP
Phew

GO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS, MIYAMOTO. I'LL FINISH UP THE INSPECTIONS.
EH?! BUT...
YEAH, YEAH. OFF WITH YOU.
Pft
Pft
THANKS, KAMATA.
The job I started off so poorly at...

The colleague I didn't get along with...
Little-by-little, I've adjusted to all of it.
And now,
ひぃぃぃ
.....
This will be my third winter
All by myself.

HEY, HEY!
SO IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME FOR A WHILE NOW.
I MEAN, MIYAMOTO-SAN,
DO YOU REALLY WEAR SNEAKERS ALL YEAR LONG?
Heh
YOU KNOW, IN TWO WHOLE YEARS,
HA HA HA HA
I'M NOT SURE I'VE SEEN HER WEAR ANYTHING ELSE!
.....
Hmph
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
THIS WON'T DO! IT JUST WON'T, GIRL!!
YOU'RE 28 YEARS OLD NOW! YOU CAN'T LET YOURSELF GET THIS UNSEXY!!
AH HA HA HA HA
TRUE, TRUE.

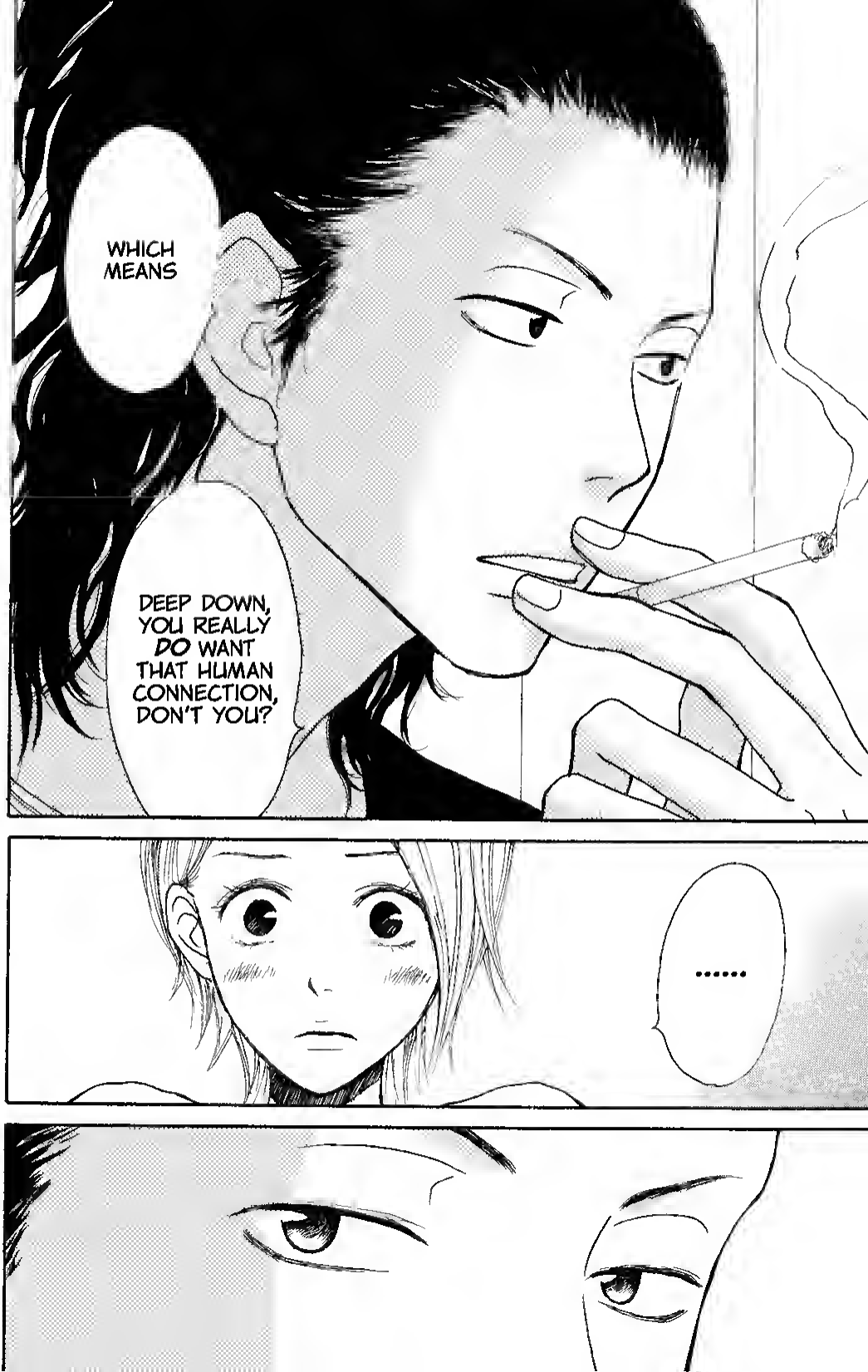
ACK!
ガーン
.....
MY BEER!
IT'S EASIER TO WALK AROUND AND GET WORK DONE
IF YOU'RE WEARING SNEAKERS.
.....
Beh

YEAH, WELL, SHE'S BETTER THAN A
ZERO-SEX-APPEAL SOMEONE WHO WEARS SNEAKERS ALL THE TIME...
ぼえ〜
GOD, ONO'S A LOUSY DRUNK.
HUH?
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY A CUTE GIRL HAD JOINED THE FIRM.
AH... HEY!
NIGHT.
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
MIYA-MOTO!
HEY! HANG ON!

HERE. HAVE SOME COFFEE.
コト
BWAAAH
BWAAAH
301
KAMATA
BWAAAH
I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THIS ALL BY MYSELF, CAN I?
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.
BWAAAH
BWAAAH
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DRAG ME ALONG, TOO?
Sigh.

DIDJA GET YOURSELF A BOYFRIEND YET?
BWAAAH
BWAAAH
FAIR ENOUGH.
IF I HAD, I WOULDN'T BE HERE...
IT'S EASIER WHEN IT'S JUST ME.
.....

YOU DON'T.
YES, I DO.
YOU CAN'T REALLY THINK YOU WANNA BE ALONE.
AGAIN WITH THAT?
YEAH, BUT...
HUH?! I JUST TOLD YOU I DO!
WOULDN'T COME OUT DRINKING WITH HER COWORKERS AND STUFF, RIGHT?
SOMEONE WHO TRULY WANTED TO KEEP TO HERSELF

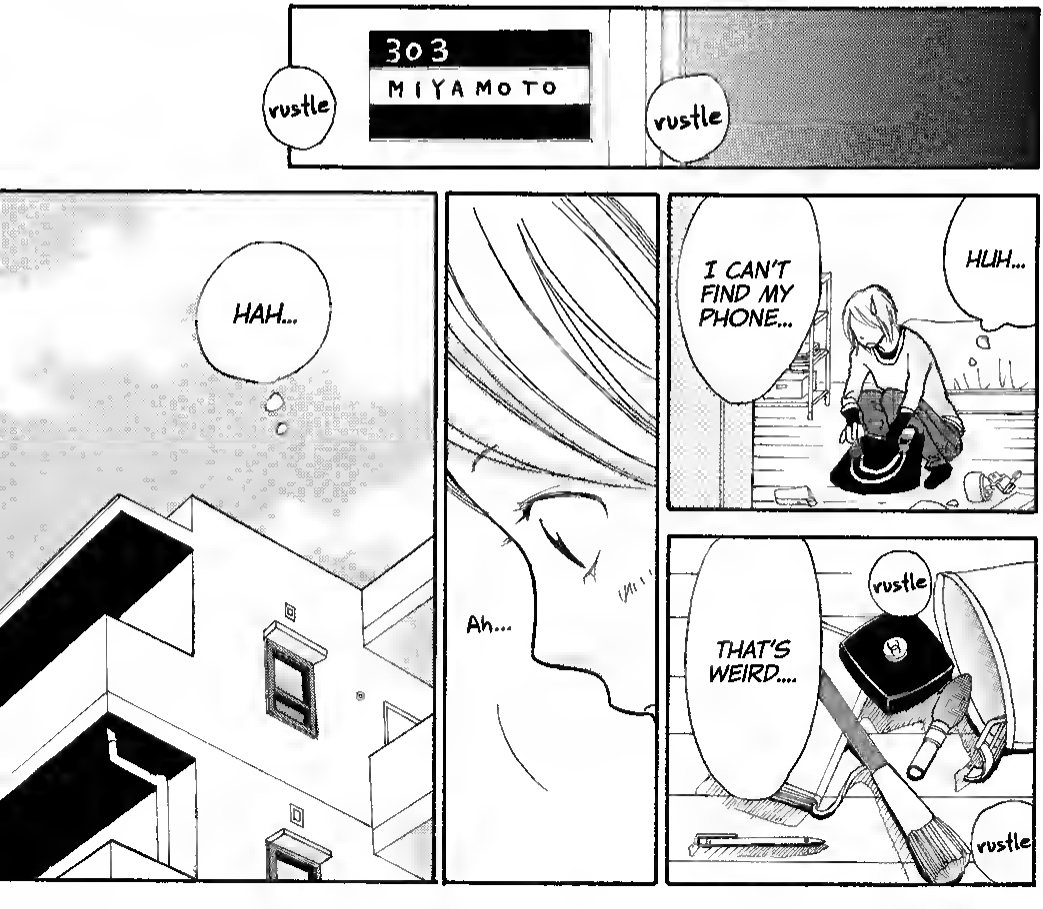

WHICH MEANS
DEEP DOWN, YOU REALLY *DO* WANT THAT HUMAN CONNECTION, DON'T YOU?
.....

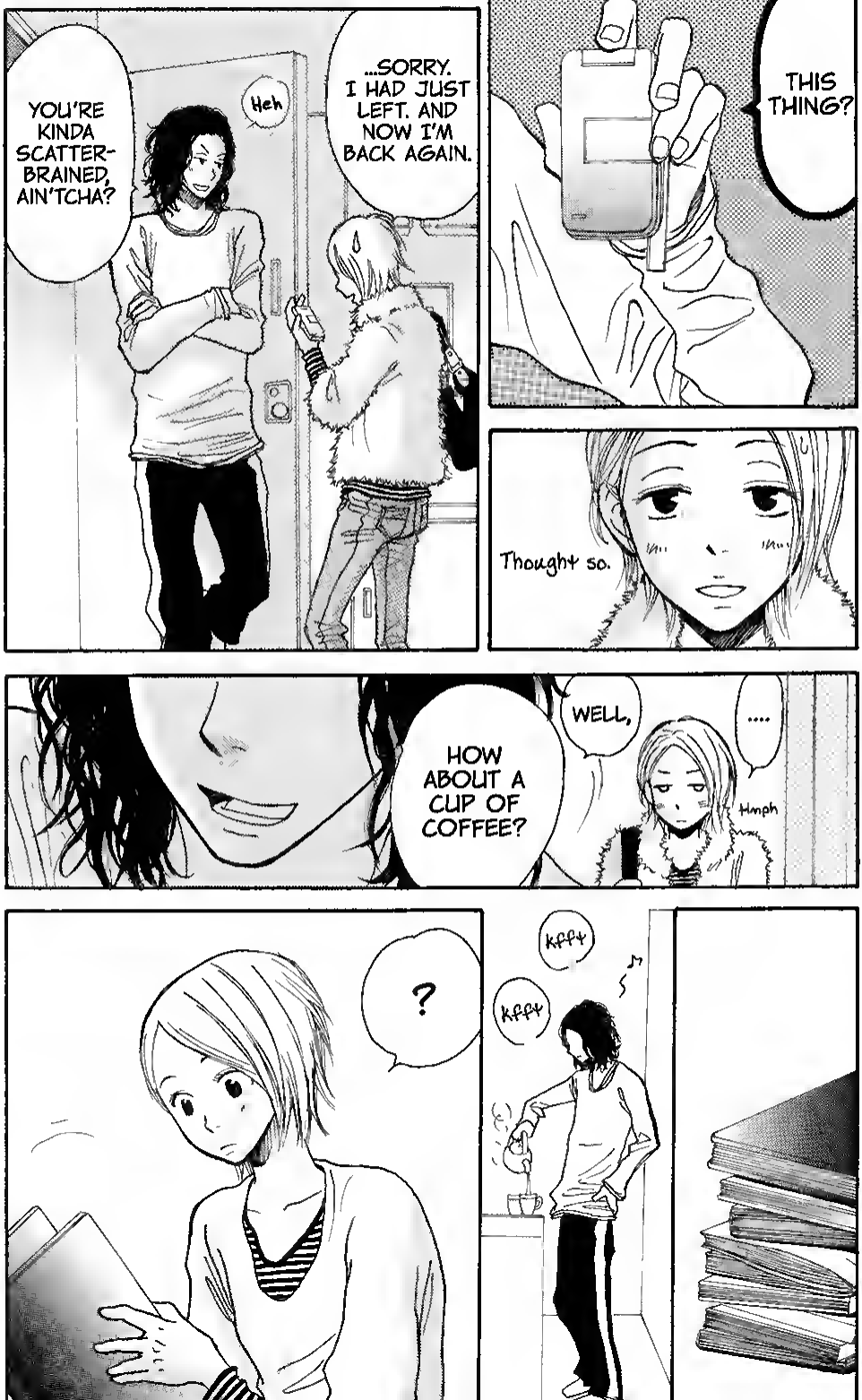
...AH.
IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS.
WHY ARE YOU SINGLE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, KAMATA?
I THINK THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH ABOUT ME.
BWAH HAH HAH
WHY INDEED?
Hmm...
tsst
.....
ごろ...

I'll never dread
the the pain of
losing someone.
As long as
I remain alone,
CENDRIER
.....
So...

Why do I keep feeling the urge

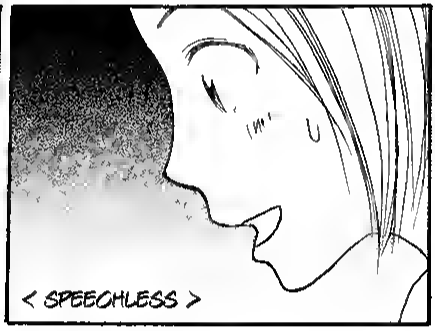
To inch towards warmer places?




THIS THING?
...SORRY. I HAD JUST LEFT. AND NOW I'M BACK AGAIN.
Heh
YOU'RE KINDA SCATTER-BRAINED, AIN'TCHA?
Thought so.
....
WELL,
Hmph
HOW ABOUT A CUP OF COFFEE?
kffy
kffy
?

UWAH!!

Kamata used to look like?
This is what...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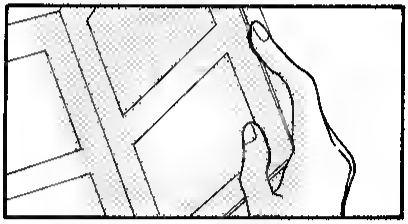
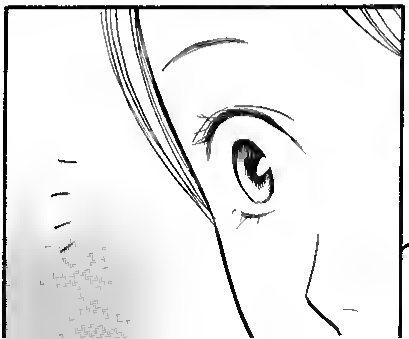
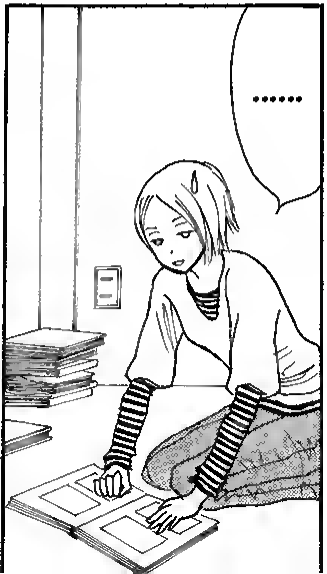




BUT I CAN KINDA SEE IT...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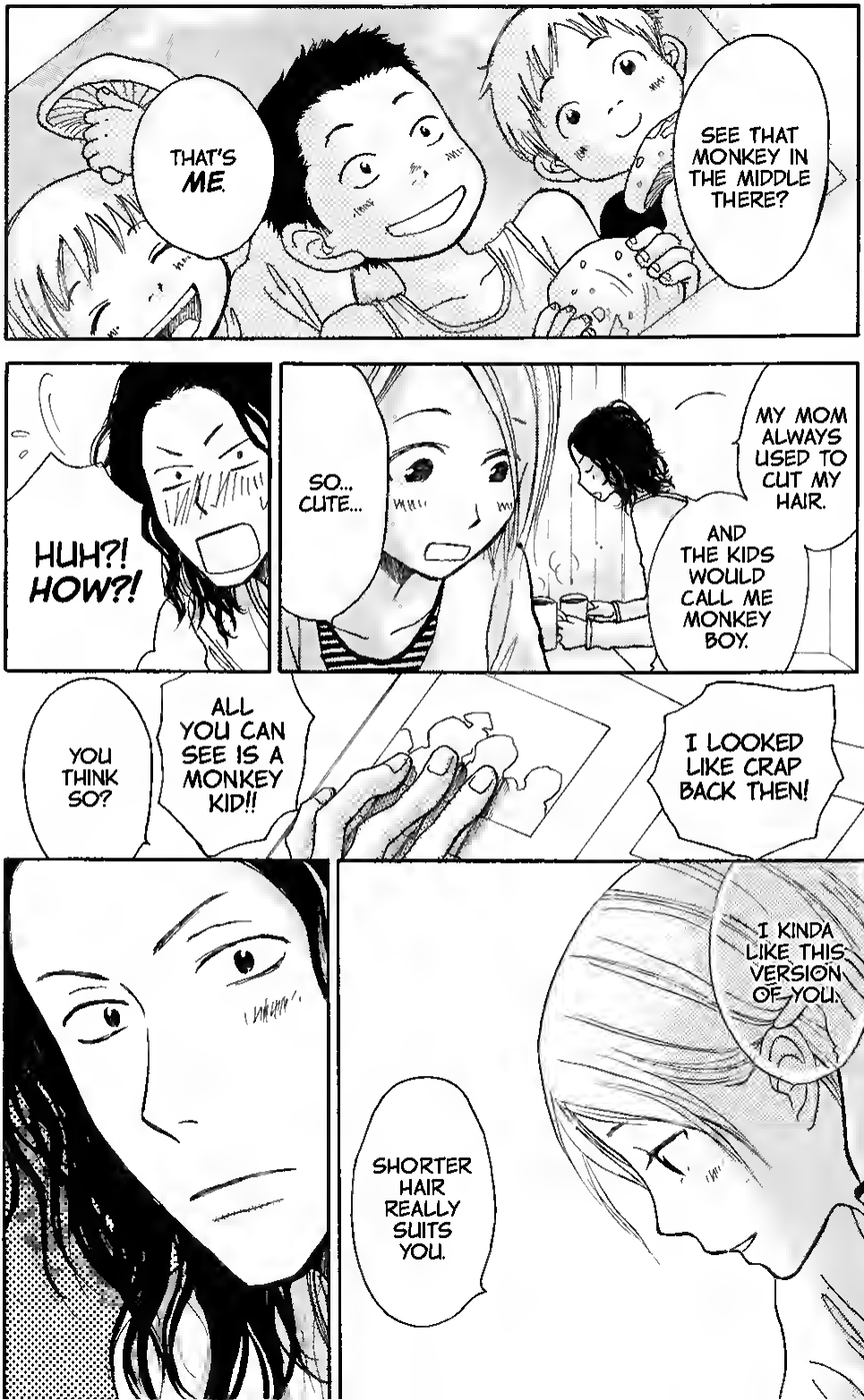
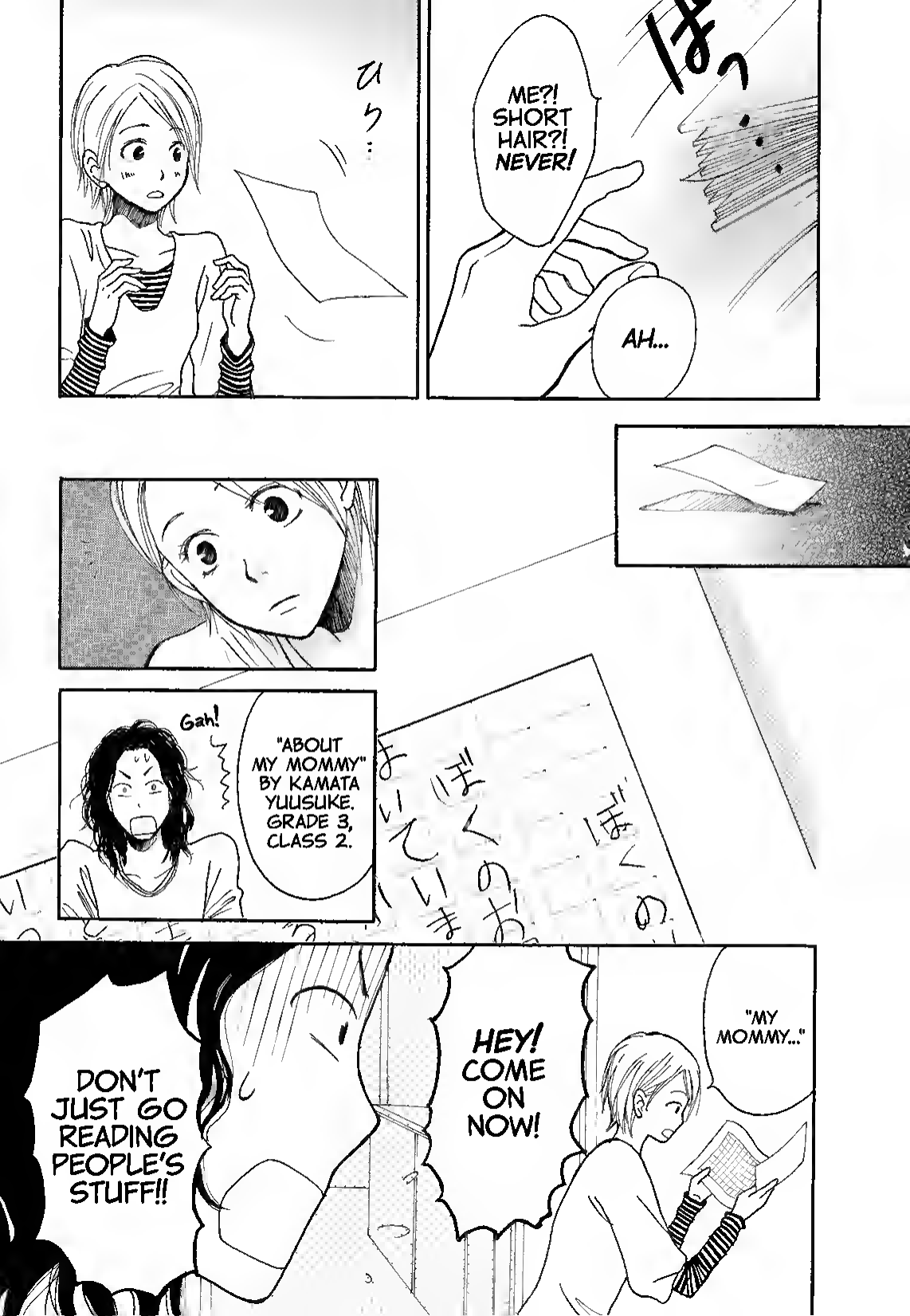
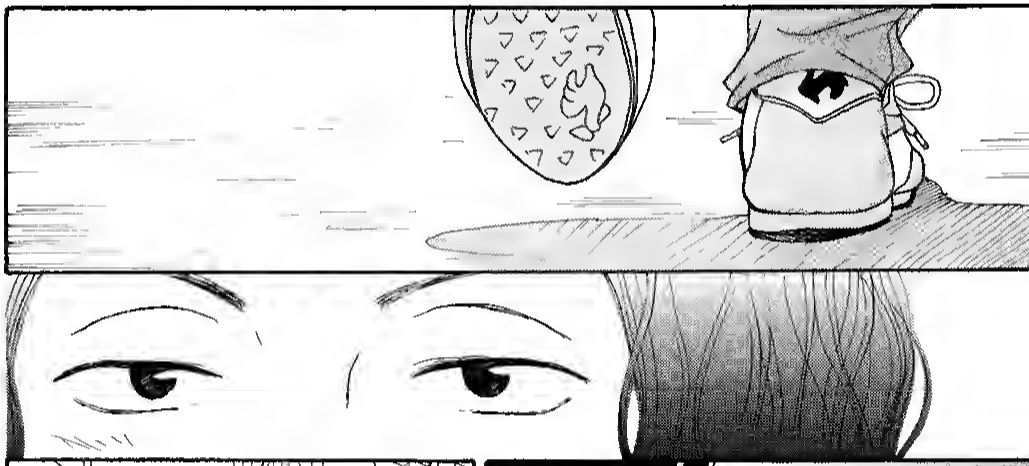
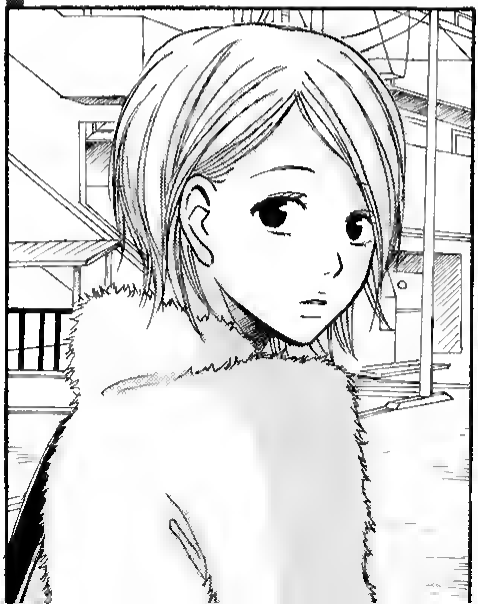

SEE THAT MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE THERE?
THAT'S ME.
MY MOM ALWAYS USED TO CUT MY HAIR.
AND THE KIDS WOULD CALL ME MONKEY BOY.
SO... CUTE...
HUH?! HOW?!
I LOOKED LIKE CRAP BACK THEN!
ALL YOU CAN SEE IS A MONKEY KID!!
YOU THINK SO?
I KINDA LIKE THIS VERSION OF YOU.
SHORTER HAIR REALLY SUITS YOU.


ひら…
ME?! SHORT HAIR?! NEVER!
AH...
"ABOUT MY MOMMY" BY KAMATA YUUSUKE. GRADE 3, CLASS 2.
Gah!
"MY MOMMY..."
HEY! COME ON NOW!
DON'T JUST GO READING PEOPLE'S STUFF!!

LATER.
MY APOLOGIES FOR STAYING SO LONG.



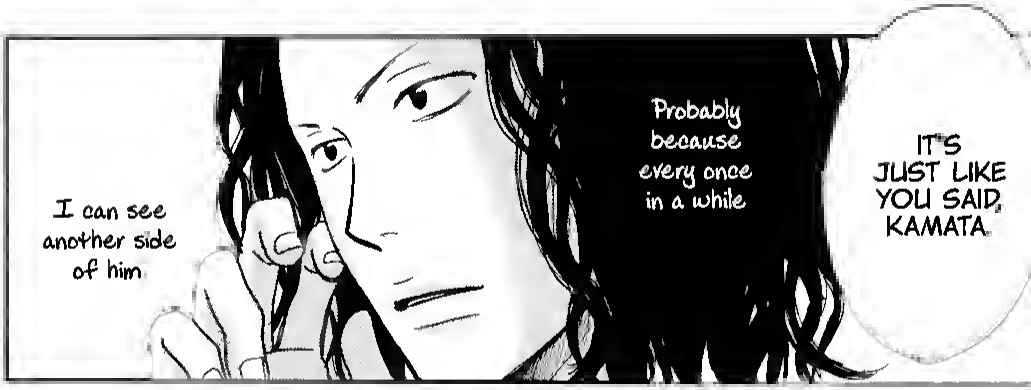


HEY MIYAMOTO.

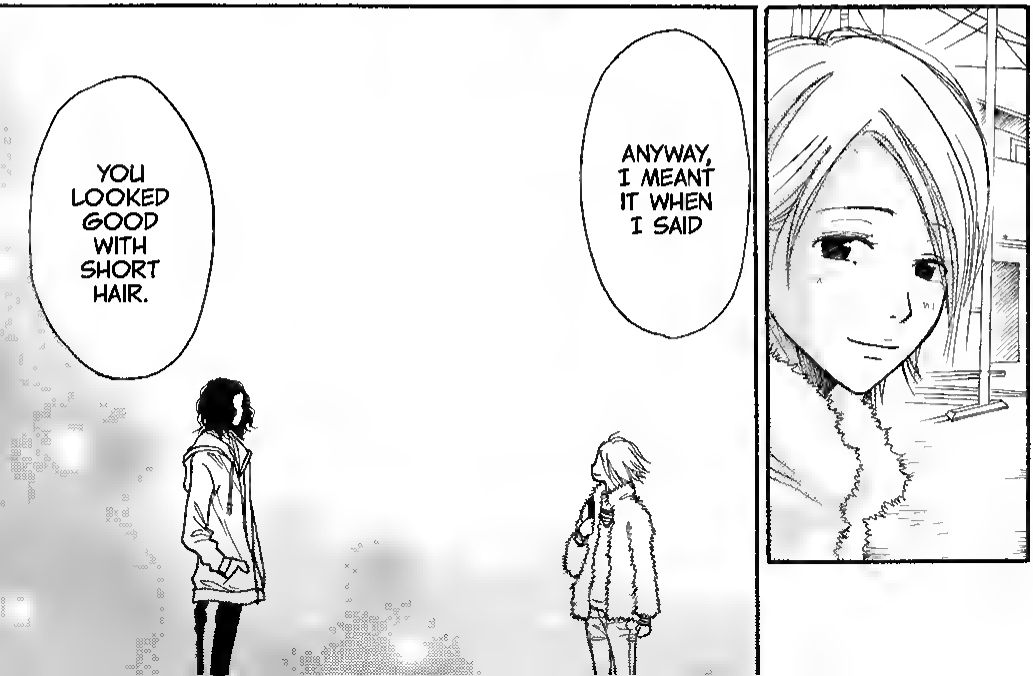
UMM...
IF WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY BOTHERED YOU, THEN I'M SORRY.
SO...
I'M JUST AN IDIOT.
I'LL SAY THE FIRST THING THAT POPS INTO MY MIND.
I MEAN...

I might not get along with him all that well,

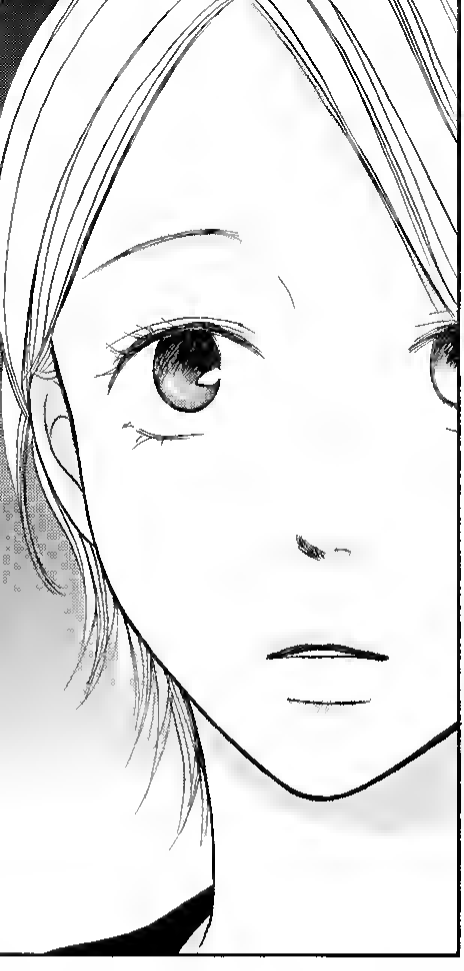
But I don't hate him.

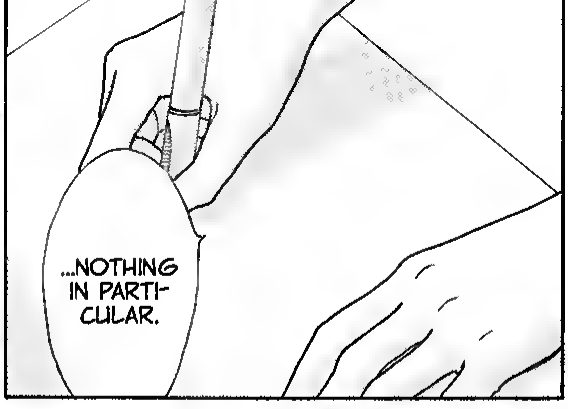


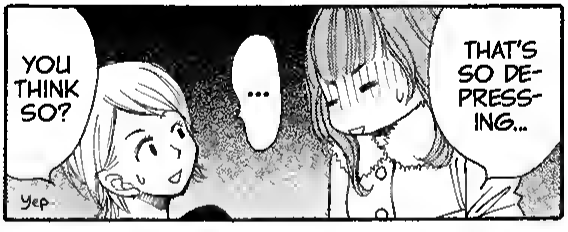
I GUESS I'M JUST SCARED...

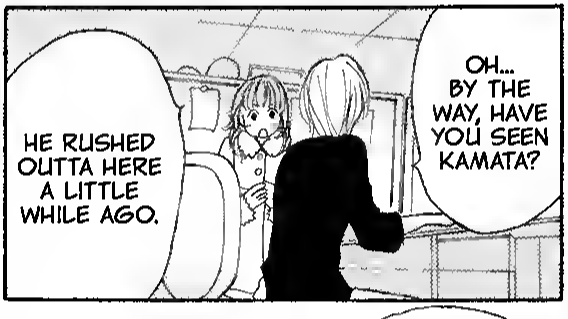

YOU LOOKED GOOD WITH SHORT HAIR.
ANYWAY, I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID

MIYA-MOTO-SAAAAN!
WHAT SHOULD I DOOOO?!
SO WHAT WOULD YOU WANT, MIYAMOTO-SAN?!
EH?! ME?
YUP!
YUP.
He's a trader.
YOU'VE GOT A BOY-FRIEND, ONO-SAN?
MY BOY-FRIEND SAID HE'D BUY ME ANYTHING I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.
BUT THERE'S SO MUCH STUFF I WANT!
God!!
What would I want?







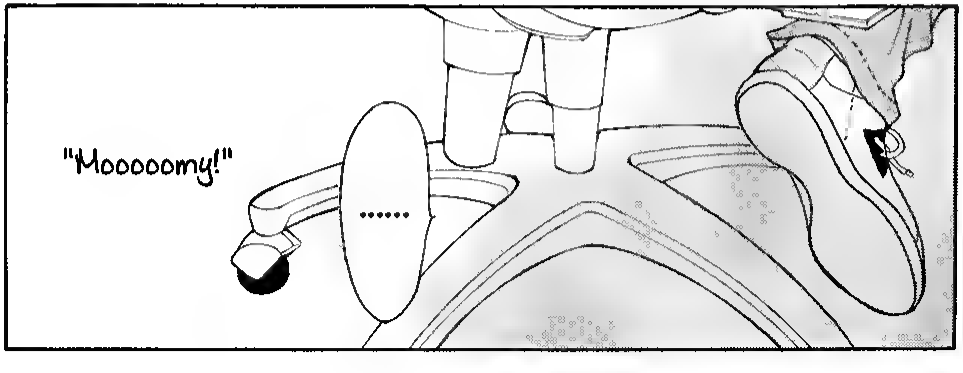


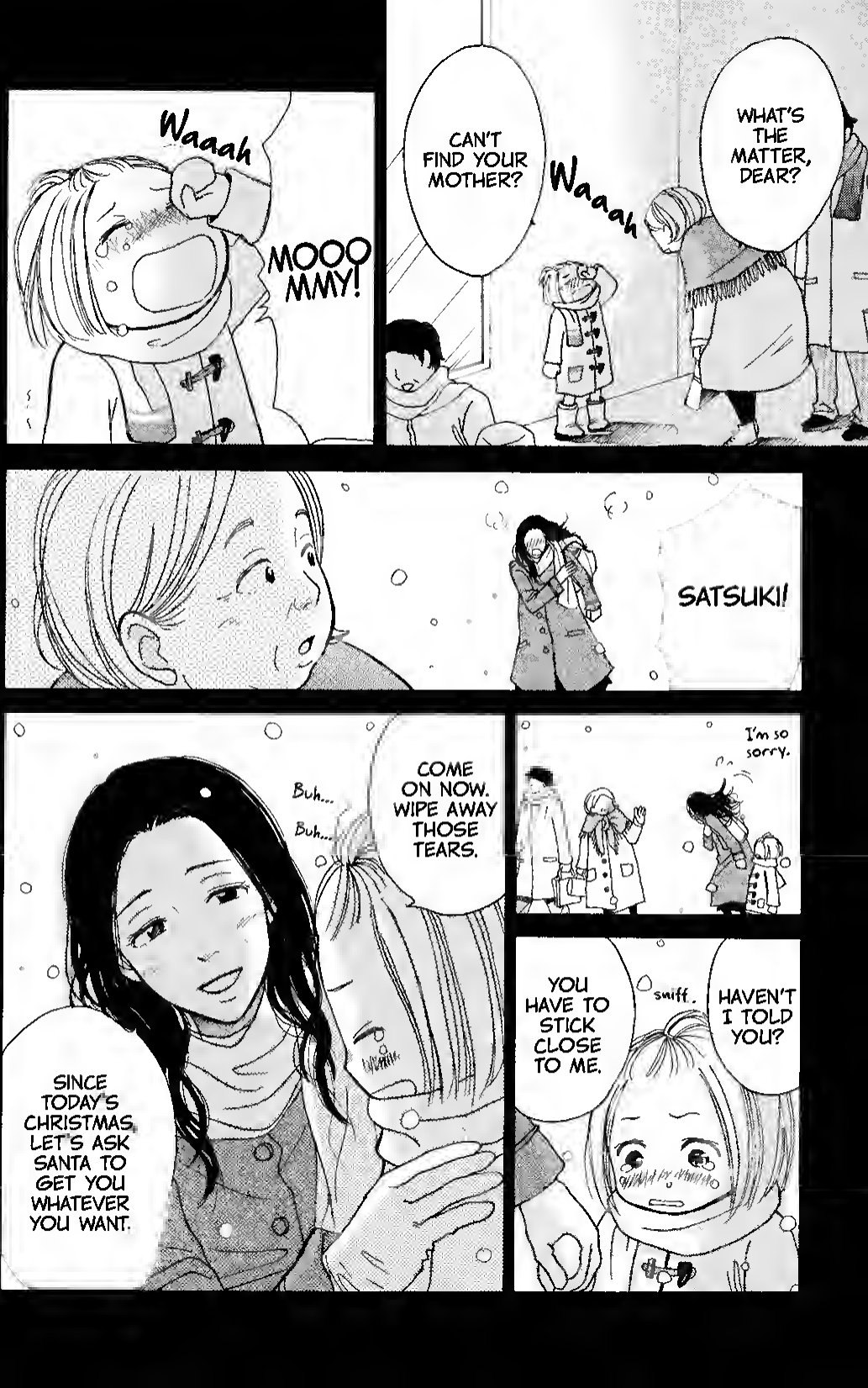
Oh...

I MEAN, IT *IS* CHRISTMAS EVE. MAYBE HE HAD A PARTY TO GET TO?

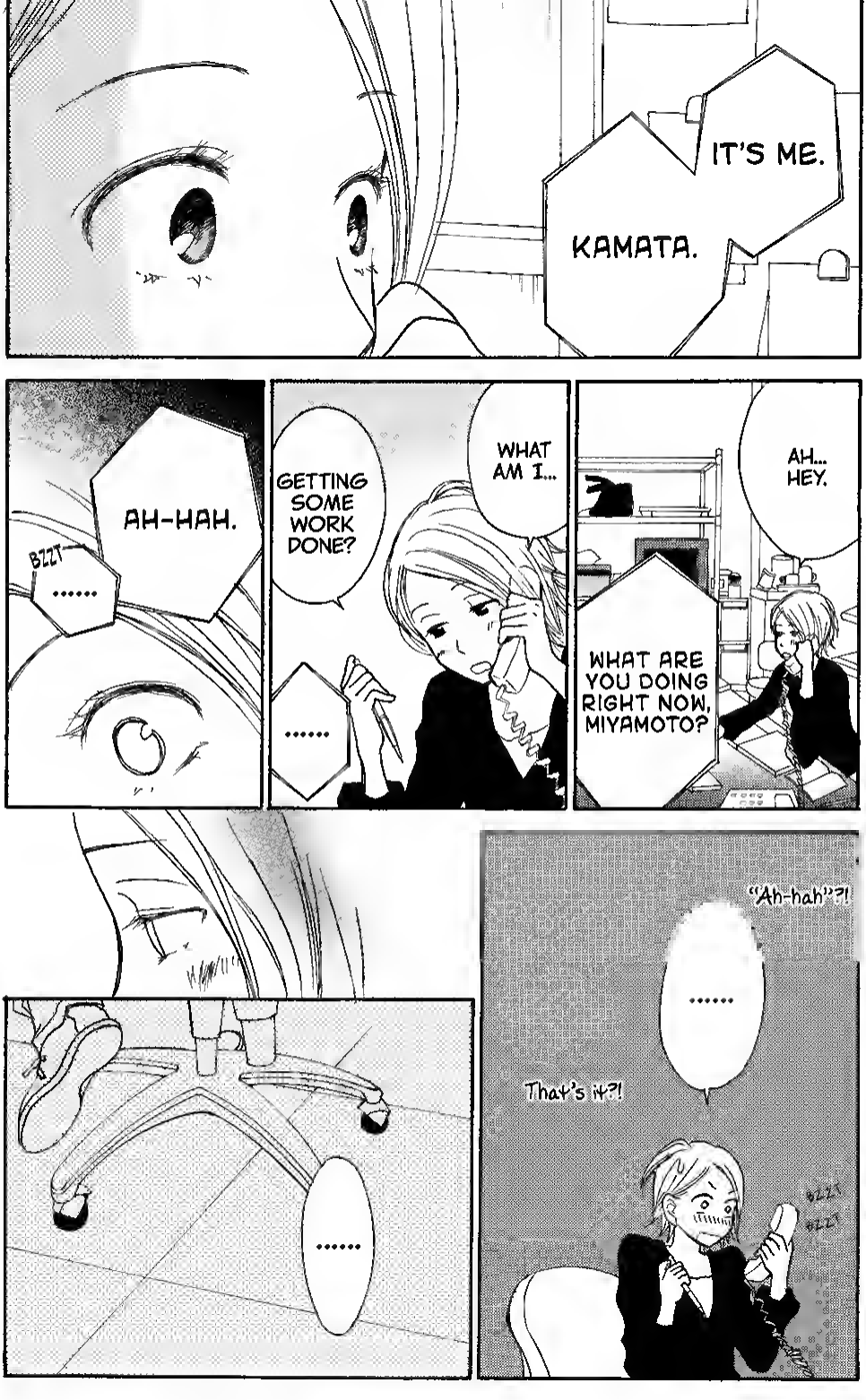
So he left already, huh?

WELL, SEE YA LATER!

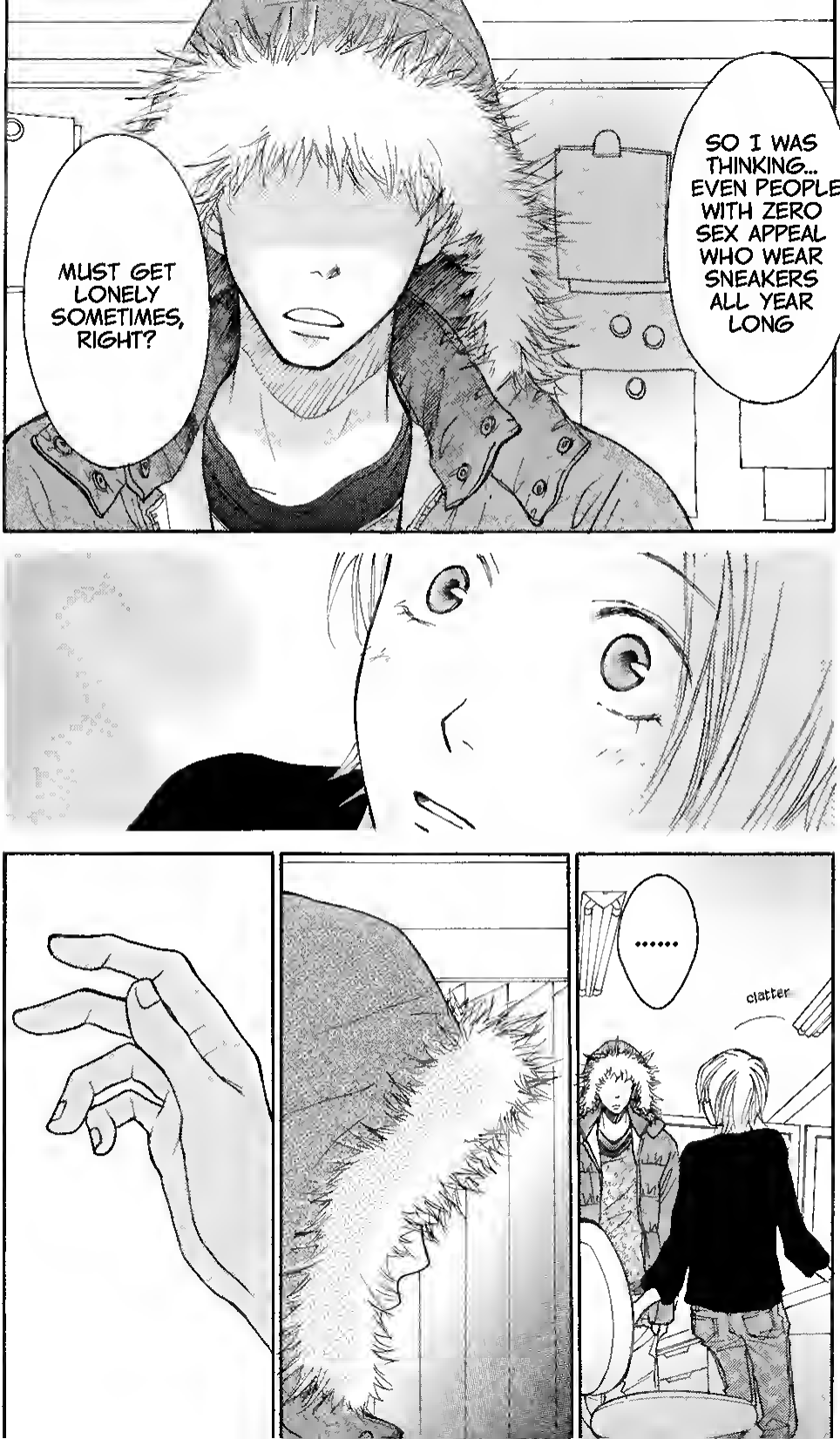



Waaah
MOOO MMY!
CAN'T FIND YOUR MOTHER?
Waaah
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DEAR?
SATSUKI!
COME ON NOW. WIPE AWAY THOSE TEARS.
Buh...
Buh...
SINCE TODAY'S CHRISTMAS, LET'S ASK SANTA TO GET YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT.
I'm so sorry.
YOU HAVE TO STICK CLOSE TO ME.
sniff.
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, MOMMY, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING.
AS LONG AS...
I DON'T WANT ANY-THING.
.....
DON'T NEED NOTHIN'...
BRRRNG
HELLO?
YOU'VE REACHED WATER-GATE.


IT'S ME.
KAMATA.
AH-HAH.
BZZT
.....
GETTING SOME WORK DONE?
.....
WHAT AM I...
AH... HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW, MIYAMOTO?
.....
"Ah-hah"?!
.....
That's it?!
BZZ
BZZ

Expecting anything from him, but....
Not that I was...
plunk


MUST GET LONELY SOMETIMES, RIGHT?
SO I WAS THINKING... EVEN PEOPLE WITH ZERO SEX APPEAL WHO WEAR SNEAKERS ALL YEAR LONG
.....
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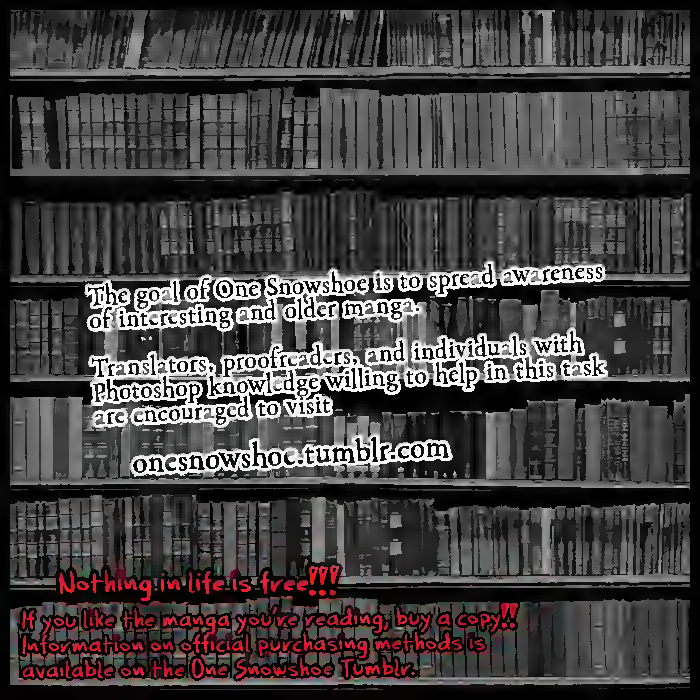
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME CAKE WITH ME?

ABOUT MY MOMMY
BY KAMATA YUUSUKE
GRADE 3, CLASS 2
SURE.
My mommy only ever wears her sneakers. When I asked her why,
She said it's 'cause she delivers newspapers for work.
My mommy works hard for us every single day,
And I think she's really kinda cool.
The old ladies next door
Always say she's not very "ladylike."

My mommy always wears sneakers.

But

And I love her so much.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